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General C. P. Cabell, USAF  
Acting Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Cabell:

Your letter of November 8 to Secretary Udall concerning Mr. F. C. Burkholder's proposal to mine basalt rock in the Langley-Malean area in Virginia has been referred to this office for consideration.

Mr. Burkholder's proposal is of a novel nature. We shall give the problem careful consideration, and inform you of our views as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Cavanaugh  
Associate Solicitor  
Division of Public Lands

(Response to ER 61-8811)  
(Orig noted by Gen. Cabell; to D A/S - 11/20/61)

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BRIEF FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT: Proposal for Excavating an Underground  
Site on the Langley Property

1. At the instigation of Senator Robertson (D) of Virginia, the CIA Emergency Planning Officer attended a meeting at the Pentagon concerning a proposal to mine rock under the Langley site which presumably would benefit CIA by providing emergency shelter and relocation space.

2. Prior to considering merits of this proposal, it is felt desirable to get legal opinion from the Secretary of the Interior. Informal contact was made by CIA Office of General Counsel with Office of Solicitor of Interior which suggested this procedure.

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JAMES A. GARRISON  
Director of Logistics

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1. General Counsel	11/2/61	11/3/61	Defense Department is a part of the picture on this, and are responsible for response to Senator Robertson.
2. Deputy Director (Support)		11/7/61	
3.			General Cabell:
4. Acting Director of Central Intelligence	11/8/61		While the attached proposition is very nebulous I certainly think we should explore it and recommend that you sign the attached letter to the Secretary of the Interior.
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